Outsourcing of Rail Yatri Niwas

2067. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether running of Rail Yatri Niwas and Hotels have been out-sourced by IRCTC;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the terms and conditions, Yatri Niwas and Hotel-wise; and

(c) what would be the charges for occupation after out-sourcing it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Railway Tourism & Catering Corporation (IRCTC) has finalized tenders for Re-developing, Operating, Maintaining and Transfer of heritage hotels at Puri & Ranchi and Rail Yatri Niwas at New Delhi & Howrah on Public Private Partnership (PPP) Model for a period of 15 years. The terms and conditions are as per the agreement executed between sub licensees (successful bidder) and IRCTC (licensee).

(c) A maximum tariff for rooms in the Rail Yatri Niwas at Howrah and BNR Hotels at Ranchi & Puri has been kept at Rs. 1000/-per night inclusive of all taxed and Rs. 1200/- per night inclusive of all taxes for Rail Yatri Niwas at New Delhi. The tariff for rooms will be approved by IRCTC from time to time.

Panel to study private role in railways

2068. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up any panel to study private role in Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the recommendations received, so far; and

(d) what measures Government would like to take to protect the interests of employees of Railways and safety at the same time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Interest of employees and safety are paramount considerations in all planning and development exercises in Railways.

Unutilised Railway land

†2069. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any proposal for giving its unutilized land for new schemes and development on the request of State Governments;

(b) the area of unutilized land falling in the State of West Bengal; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal for giving the land on lease to those families who are residing on unutilized land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No. Sir. However, on the request of the State Government for lease of Railway land, the same may be considered on case to case basis when the land is spareable. The priority purposes for such leasing may be related to passenger utility, ROB/RUB construction.

(d) Railway's do not maintain state-wise data. However, zone-wise unutilized land in West Bengal is as under:

Railway	Area (in Hectare)
Eastern	396
North-East Frontier	990
South-Wastern	1417.8

(c) No, Sir.

Rail projects of Tamil Nadu

2070. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the new development projects announced for the State of Tamil Nadu;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.